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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 1, 2021

This meeting was conducted under procedures authorized by executive order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. Members of the Committee participated by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee) Co-Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Co-Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue; Vice Chair Nate Miley; and Directors John Bauters, Rich Constantine, John Gioia, Carole Groom, Brad Wagenknecht, Shamann Walton, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Wagenknecht made a motion, seconded by Director Constantine, to **approve** the Minutes of March 4, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Constantine, Gioia, Groom, Hurt, Jue, Miley, Wagenknecht, Walton, Wilson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

3. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

The Committee received a presentation from Eddie Ahn, Executive Director of Brightline Defense, a public policy nonprofit dedicated to empowering communities and sustainable environments in traditionally underserved communities, to speak under the Committee's standing agenda item "Community Perspective". Mr. Ahn's presentation featured Brightline Defense's Air Quality Monitoring Program, and their collaborations with the Community Youth Center of San Francisco, and Central City Single Room Occupancy Collaborative.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; and Lonnie Mason, Bayview Hunters Point resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how single room occupant dwellings are not meant to be permanent solutions but have become so; factors that contribute to perpetuate environmental racism; the request that the Air District (with legislators) submits a comment letter to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment regarding Draft CalEnviroScreen 4.0; the need for voting members representing environmental justice to be appointed to regional government agencies; and how Brightline determines the sites and heights for their Clarity-Node S air sensors, and how the collected data is extrapolated.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH & JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S MISSION STATEMENT AND DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR 2021

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy and Equity, gave the staff presentation *Discussion on the Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee's Mission Statement and Draft Schedule for 2021*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; background; mission statement; Committee calendar; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; and LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request that the first paragraph of the proposed mission statement of the Committee be revised to include “ability status”, so that it would read, “...regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, national origin, ability status, immigration status, or sexual orientation.”

Committee Action

Director Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Wagenknecht, to **approve** the proposed calendar for the Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee’s 2021 meeting schedule; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Bauters, Constantine, Gioia, Hurt, Jue, Miley, Wagenknecht.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Groom, Walton, Wilson.

5. TRANSPARENT AND EQUITABLE FUNDING PROJECT

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, gave the staff presentation *Transparent and Equitable Funding Project*, including: outcome; requested action; outline; community request; purpose; goals; scope; roadmap and timeline; deliverables timeline; and feedback requested.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; Ms. Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project; and Lonnie Mason, Bayview Hunters Point resident.

Committee Comments

The Board and staff discussed requests regarding the allocation of funding in the Air District’s Fiscal Year Ending 2022 Proposed Budget, made by members of the public, specifically pertaining to allocations for the Community Air Risk Evaluation Program, AB 167, and disadvantaged communities; the way in which the Air District utilizes its data collection to produce information that the community is asking for; the Air District’s current public requests request process; concerns about not being able to find budget information on the Air District’s website; and the difference between what the public is asking for and what Air District believes the public is asking for.

Committee Action

While this was not originally an action item, Director Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Constantine, to **continue** this item to the Committee’s May 6, 2021 meeting for further discussion; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Constantine, Groom, Hurt, Jue, Miley, Wilson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gioia, Wagenknecht, Walton.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 RICHMOND-NORTH RICHMOND-SAN PABLO EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE PROPOSED STIPEND

Ms. Eady gave the staff presentation *Consideration of Assembly Bill 617 Richmond - North Richmond - San Pablo Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee Proposed Stipend*, including: outcome; background; and requested action.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Constantine made a motion, seconded by Director Wilson, to **approve** that the stipend amounts for the Richmond - North Richmond - San Pablo Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee members be set to \$100 per meeting attended; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Constantine, Hurt, Jue, Miley, Wilson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gioia, Groom, Wagenknecht, Walton.

7. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CONTRA COSTA HEALTH SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE TO AB 617 RICHMOND-NORTH RICHMOND-SAN PABLO EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Ms. Eady gave the staff presentation *Consideration of Appointment of Contra Costa County Health Services Representative to Assembly Bill 617 Richmond - North Richmond - San Pablo Area Community Emissions Reduction Plan Community Steering Committee* including: outcome; background; and requested action.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Wilson made a motion, seconded by Director Constantine, to **appoint** Luz Gomez to the Richmond - North Richmond - San Pablo Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee, in her capacity as a Contra Costa County Health Services Agency representative; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Bauters, Constantine, Hurt, Jue, Miley, Wilson.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Groom.
ABSENT:	Gioia, Wagenknecht, Walton.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; and Lonnie Mason, Bayview Hunters Point resident.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Constantine suggested that the public, Air District staff, and the Board all need to “reset” their understanding and expectations of the Air District’s public record requests process and agree on a process that is more transparent. He said it is also important that Air District staff and the Board clarify what is being asked, if the public requests information directly at a meeting of any kind.

Co-Chair Hurt spoke about the recent increase in anti-Asian crimes and encouraged everyone to speak up if they witness such a crime.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

/S/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards